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Gary L. Jacobson
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Re: Request for Release of Reclamation Surety, San Rafael Energy, Inc., Snow Mine (M/015/013) and Four Corners Mine (M/015/014), Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Jacobson:

On February 2, 1998 we received your request for release of the reclamation surety for the Snow and Four Corners mine sites. Reclamation of these sites was completed in the fall of 1996. At that time the reclamation surety was reduced and a \$2,000 amount was retained until both sites achieved successful revegetation. Division rules define successful revegetation as vegetation which has survived up to three growing seasons and achieved 70 percent of the premining vegetative ground cover.

As of Spring 1998, the vegetation at your sites will not have survived three growing seasons yet. We will need to perform a site inspection to evaluate revegetation success before it can be determined if the remaining surety can be released. In addition, we will need to examine the shaft closures at the sites for stability as requested by the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining. Please contact me at (801) 538-5267 to arrange a mutually convenient time for a site visit this spring, preferably during the time of peak vegetation growth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Anthony A. Gallegos'.

Anthony A. Gallegos
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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